

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 14 are amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 12 and for better clarity. Claims 2 and 15 are amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 3. Accordingly, claims 3 and 12 are canceled, and claims 4, 5 and 8 are amended to change their dependence in view of the cancellation of claim 3.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return an initialed copy of, the Form PTO-1449 filed with the December 19, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,873,384 to Yamanaka et al. ("Yamanaka"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Yamanaka discloses all elements recited in the claims. However, Yamanaka does not disclose or suggest at least a portion of different irregularity groups having a different length from a pixel pitch and being disposed within a single pixel in plan view, as recited in claims 1 and 14.

Yamanaka discloses a reflecting film 3' having irregularities. See Figures 1-4 and column 11, lines 28-65. However, Yamanaka discloses that only a single irregularity group spans across all pixels. See Figure 18. Yamanaka does not disclose or suggest a portion of different irregularity groups having a different length from a pixel pitch and being disposed within a single pixel in plan view. Therefore, Yamanaka does not disclose each and every element recited in claims 1 and 14.

Furthermore, Yamanaka does not disclose or suggest a periodically repeating arrangement of irregularities with a plurality of irregularity groups as a repetition unit, adjacent rows of periodically repeating units being shifted out of alignment, as recited in

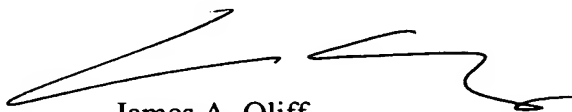
claims 2 and 15. In particular, Yamanaka discloses, in Figure 3, that each pixel contains an irregularity group. However, the arrangement of the group in each pixel is the same. For example, as shown in Figure 3 of Yamanaka, each pixel contains, at the upper left corner of the pixel, a same "circle." Yamanaka does not disclose or suggest shifting adjacent rows of a repetition unit, much less adjacent rows of periodically repeating units being shifted out of alignment. Therefore, Yamanaka does not disclose each and every element recited in claims 2 and 15.

For at least the above reasons, Yamanaka does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1, 2, 14 and 15, and claims 4-11, 13 and 16 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1,2,4-11 and 13-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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